

REMARKS

Claims 1-15, 18-20, 26-28, 31-35 and 38 are pending in this application. Claim 4 has been cancelled. Claim 38 has been amended to correct inadvertent and unintentional redundancy. Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the composition is a pressure sensitive adhesive and that the polymer does not include any silicone. Support for these amendments can be found, for example, in the Examples section of the specification, where silicone-free compositions are described and exhibit characteristics of a pressure sensitive adhesive. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 9 and 38 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, as containing subject matter not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

The Examiner reasons that because Example 1 does not yield the recited peel adhesion value greater than about 10.0 N/dm, then the specification is inadequate. Applicants respectfully disagree. It is not a requisite for §112 paragraph 1 that a claim is exemplified in each example in an application. It is, however, necessary that the claim have sufficient support from the specification, such as by the teaching of at least one example. Applicants assert that claims 9 and 38, both of which are embodiments of independent claim 1, are clearly described in the specification as well as in numerous examples as shown in the summary of results in Table 2 (page 30 of the specification). The limitation that the peel adhesion value be greater than about 10.0 N/dm (or 20.0 N/dm, in the case of claim 9) is just one performance property of the inventive adhesives. Thus, although there are examples with peel adhesion values that fall lower than 10.0 N/dm, this teaching does not render claims 9 and 38 non-enabled. Accordingly, a skilled artisan can simply follow the recipes provided in the Examples and achieve the poly-urea based polymer presently claimed in claims 9 and 38. Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

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